

In claim 6, line 1, replace "any one of the claims 1 to 5" with -claim 1--.

REMARKS

A new abstract page is supplied to conform to that appearing on the publication page of the WIPO application, but the new Abstract is typed on a separate page as required by U.S. practice.

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 3, 4, and 6.

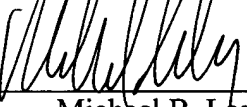
Applicant respectfully requests that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicant's primary attorney-of record, Michael B. Lasky (Reg. No. 29,555), at (612) 336-4634.

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